National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network

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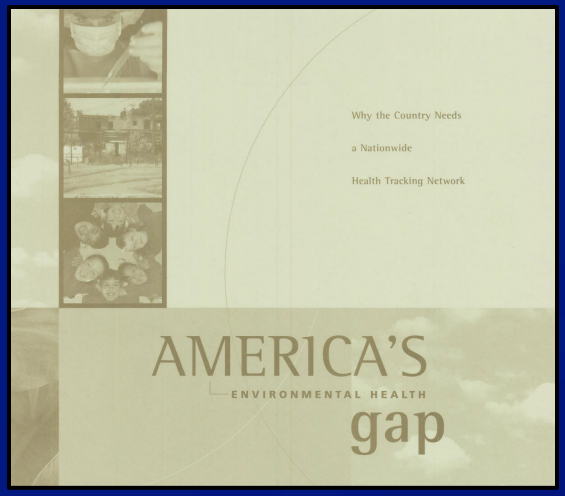
Presentation Objectives

- Overview of National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (NEPTHN)
- The NEPHTN portal demo
  - Extreme heat event tool
  - Tool to estimate mortality benefits associated with lowering $PM_{2.5}$ levels

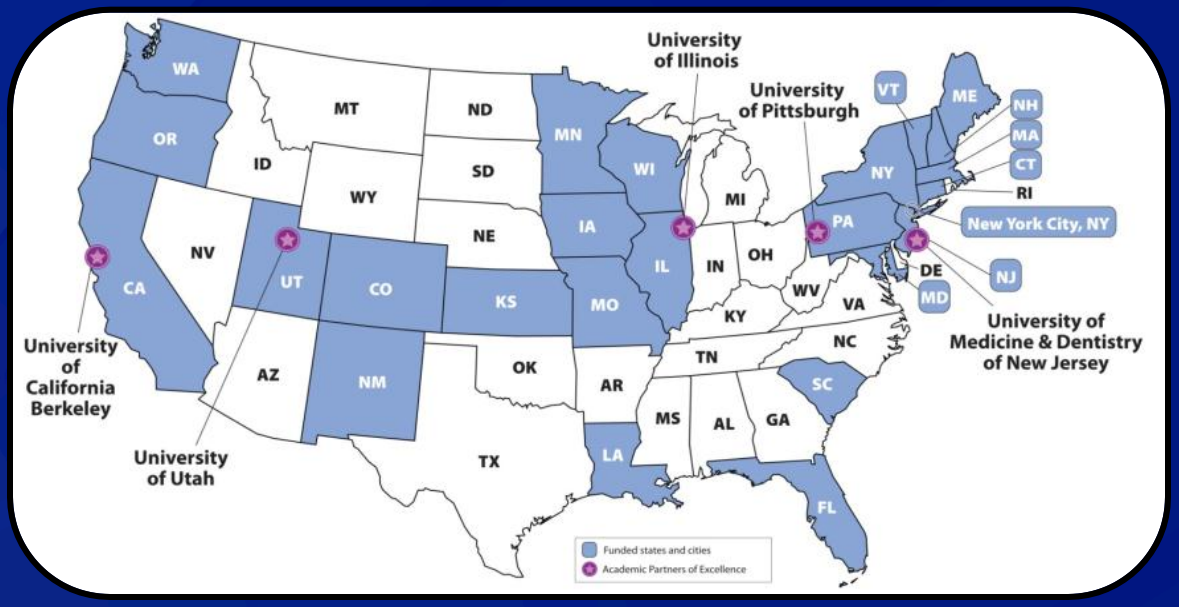
Environmental Public Health Tracking

- Pew Commission recommended a “Nationwide Health Tracking Network” for diseases and exposure
- First surveillance system to provide environmental and health data together in one place
- State and local tracking networks
  - Contribute data to national efforts
  - Address specific local level issues and needs



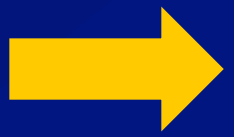
Tracking Partners

- Other Federal Agencies:
  - ASTHO, CSTE, EPA, NAACCR, NACCHO, NAHDO, NASA, NOAA, US Census Bureau, USGS
- Universities
- State and local health departments



What we do:

- Identify environmental health problem
- Evaluate utility of available data
- Generate information (measures) for public portal



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- Complexity
- Confidentiality
- Consistency
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- Timeliness

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Standards and Network Development

Program Marketing and Outreach

How are the Data Used….

- Track and report environmental hazards and related health problems
- Monitor public health concerns affecting communities across the nation
- Observe where hazards and health problems are occurring and changing over time
- Make more informed policy decisions about communities that may be at risk
- Provide information to the public

Content on the Tracking Network

- Environmental/Exposure Data
  - Outdoor Air
  - Community Water
  - Housing
  - Climate Change
  - Community Design

- Population Health data
  - Population Characteristics
  - Biomonitoring (Population Exposures)
  - Children's Environmental Health
  - Health Behaviors (Smoking)

Content on the Tracking Network

Health Effects data:

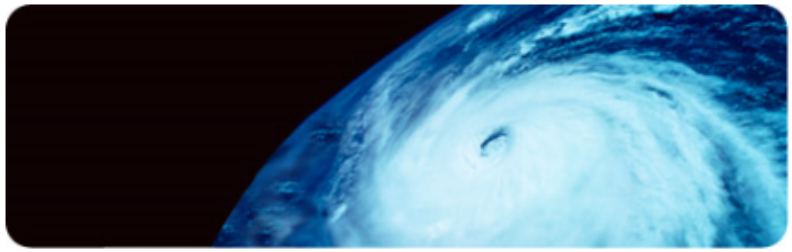
- Asthma
- Birth Defects
- Cancer
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Childhood Lead Poisoning
- Developmental Disabilities
- Heart Attacks
- Reproductive and Birth Outcomes

Climate Change Communication Tools

National Environmental Public Health Tracking
- Climate Change
- Tracking Climate Change
- Related Links
- Climate Change Indicators
- **Climate Change Communication Tools**
- Search Climate Change Data

Tracking Success Stories
- California
- Minnesota
- New York City

Tracking Links | Environments | Health Effects | Population Health | Info by Location



Quick Links
- Climate Change and Health
- Climate Change Monitoring in the U.S.
- Extreme Heat

Climate Change Communication Tools

Copy and paste the code provided below into your Web page to display the following map or button:

- Climate Change Toolkit
- Online Training- Recognizing, Preventing, and Treating Heat - Related Illness
- CDC Extreme Heat Media Toolkit English Spanish
- Extreme Heat Toolkit
- Extreme Heat: A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety

Tracking Climate Change Button

Copy this code to get this button

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- CDC on Twitter

Tracking Hot Topics
- Health Begins at Home Podcast
- Protecting Yourself and Your Family Against Poisonings Podcast
- Child Injury Prevention Video
- Unintentional Poisonings eCard
- Generator Danger eCard
- View our Tracking Success Stories to learn how Tracking is making a difference across the U.S.

Resources
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Climate Change, Extreme Heat, and Health

A Tool Kit

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Key Messages and Talking Points

The following key messages and talking points can help you and your spokespeople convey and emphasize the effect the Tracking Network can have.

How to Use

The following key messages and talking points can help you and your spokespeople convey and emphasize the impact that the Tracking Network can have on addressing the connections between climate change, extreme heat, and health. These messages and points may be used as they have been written, or, they can be customized for your own purposes. We encourage you to use local, regional-, or state-specific information whenever possible because it will further underscore the importance of this resource for your constituents. Each of the three key messages presented are supported by three to four additional talking points.

Key Messages

- The National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network is the best Internet resource connecting environmental and health information. This resource can give (INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME) the power to help save lives and better protect the people we serve.
  - The Tracking Network is unique because it brings together data that would usually be collected and kept by many separate agencies and then standardizes it. This process allows us to see how our health and the environment are related.
  - The Tracking Network also offers tools to help make sense of these data—such as maps that show where environmental and health problems are happening—and then makes that valuable information available to people who need it, from scientists to decision- makers.
  - The Tracking Network is used by states, cities, universities, and professional organizations to help make critical decisions about where to target environmental public health resources that will protect people and save lives.
- The Tracking Network is helping us better understand how the environment is connected to climate change, extreme heat, and public health. Improving our understanding of these connections will help us better prepare to respond and save lives.
  - On average, extreme heat events are the most common cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S. Climate change is causing these events to occur more intensely with a longer duration. The Tracking Network hosts records of extreme temperatures, records of deaths that are related to heat, and social and environmental conditions that make people vulnerable to extreme heat.
  - The Tracking Network data are useful for providing information about who is most at- risk during heat waves. Because of this information, we can make informed decisions and plan how and where to best focus adaptation efforts to protect people from extreme heat.

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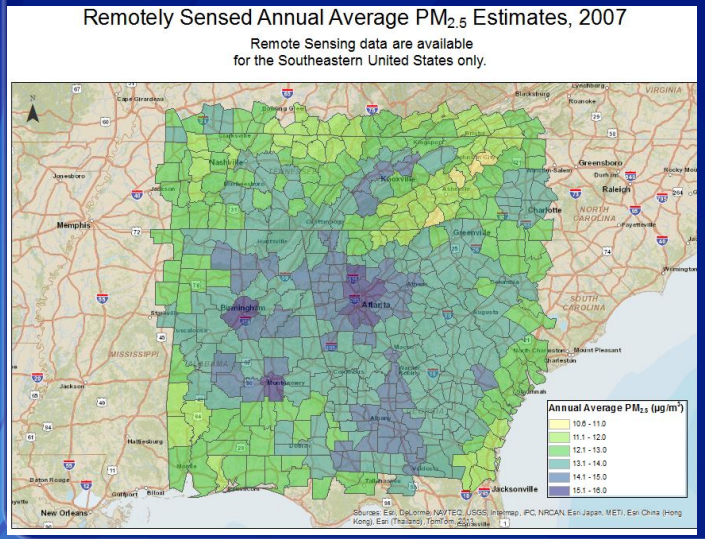
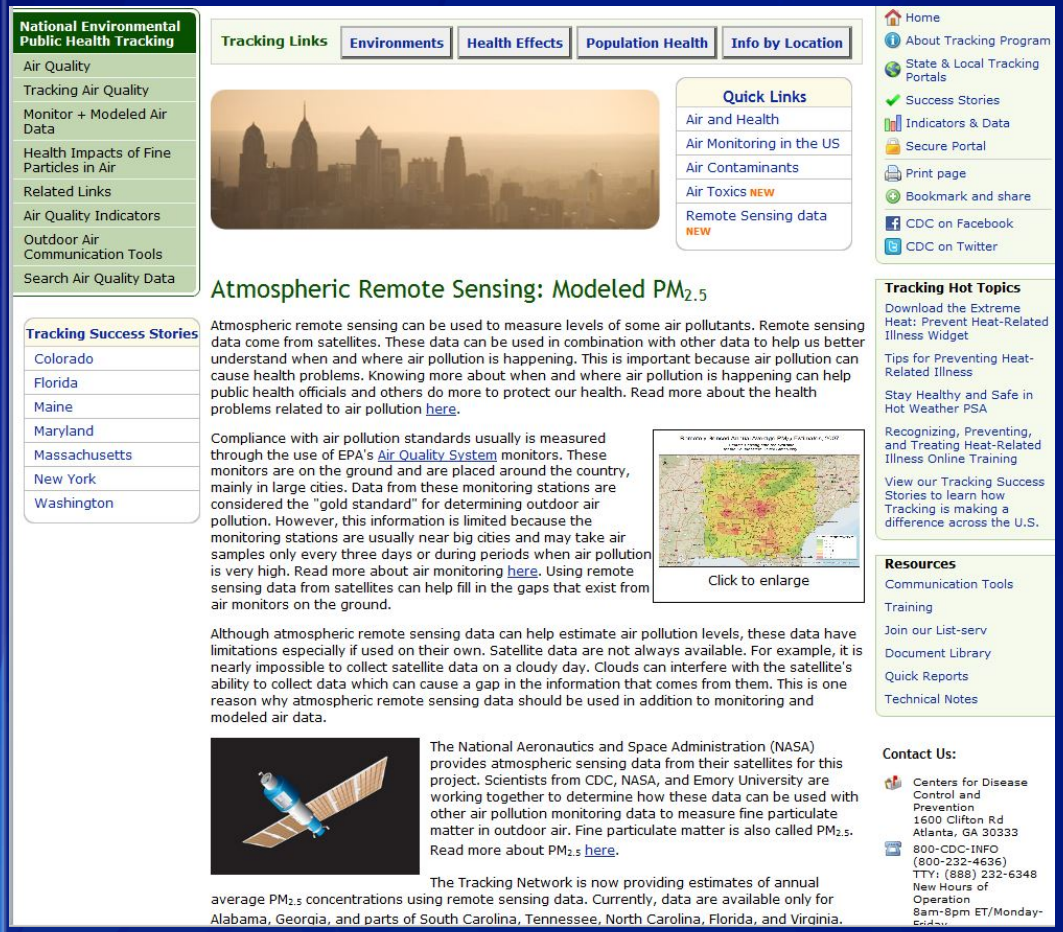
Collaboration with NASA/USRA

- Started in 2005 with a linkage project, HELIX- Atlanta
  - Used Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) to predict $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations in the Metropolitan Atlanta area



- Working with NASA/USRA and Emory University on enhancing spatial coverage of $PM_{2.5}$ in the Southeast
  - AOD-based $PM_{2.5}$ estimates will be available on the Tracking Network

AOD-based $PM_{2.5}$ on the Tracking Network



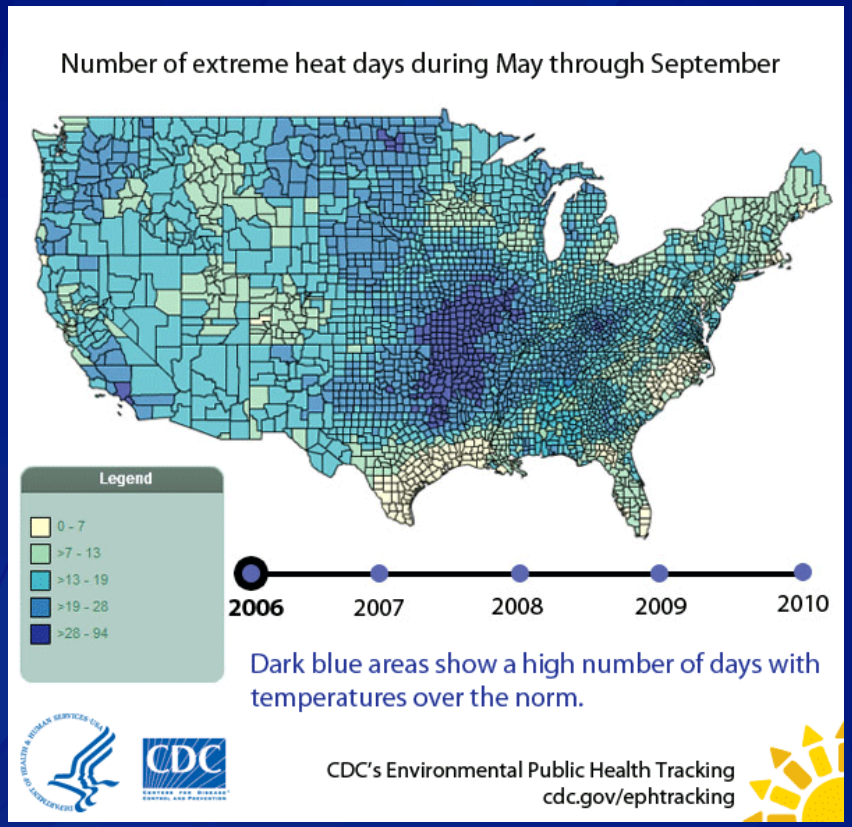
'Clear communication' information about $PM_{2.5}$, remote sensing, monitored and modeled sources of $PM_{2.5}$ data

Users can download 2001-2007 AOD-based $PM_{2.5}$ data for the southeast U.S. at county-level

http://ephtracking.cdc.gov/showAirRemoteSensing.action

Collaboration with NASA/USRA

- Indicators of Extreme Heat Surveillance
  - Heat event identification tool
  - Heat stress hospitalizations and mortality



- Future work includes:
  - Excess deaths due to extreme heat events
  - Measures of precipitation and drought

Mentorship

- Peer-to-Peer Fellowship Program
  - Sponsor five unfunded states, counties, or cities to build capacity for environmental public health tracking
- Informatics fellowship

Portal Demo

http://ephtracking.cdc.gov

For more information please contact Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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